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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Foote et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 20040054542).

Regarding claim 1, Foote et al. teach a creation system of melody and image synchronous information comprising: a source of event information that correlates to displayable image information (section 0022); a source of melody information (section 0022); schedule program means for determining a timing at which melody information and image information are to be changed (sections 0024 and 0025); and event information insertion means for inserting event information into melody information at timing of image renewal in matching with said melody, whereby a stream of melody and image synchronous information is created for subsequent reproduction of images in synchronization with melody (sections 0027 and 0057).

Regarding claim 2, Foote et al. teach a melody and image synchronous generation system comprising: melody generation means for generating melody based

on melody information presented in an information stream (section 0028); event information detection means for detecting event information inserted in the melody information in the information stream (section 0028, lines 11-17); image timing control means which generates an instruction for image renewal, and image generation means responsive to said instruction for generating images at timing of respective detections of the event information in the information stream by the event information detection means on the basis of image information (section 0028, lines 11-19); wherein said melody generation means continues to provide melody defined by melody information in said information stream until said event information detection means detects event information and causes said image generation means to generate an image for display and renew said displayed image until another event information is detected (sections 0028-0030).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Foote et al. further teach: image timing control means for controlling timing of image generation at the image generation means on the basis of the event information detected by the event information detection means (section 0028); and receiving means incorporating storage means for storing the melody information and the image information as received (sections 0022, 0026 and 0057).

Regarding claim 5, Foote et al. teach a system operative to create synchronized melody and image information comprising: means for providing melody information (section 0022); means for providing image information (section 0022); means for providing event information that indicates a timing for display of said image information during play of melody information (sections 0022, 0024 and 0025); means for creating a

signal for transmission of melody and event information in a stream including event information insertion means for inserting event information into melody information at timing of image renewal in matching with said melody, for reproduction of images in synchronization with melody (sections 0027 and 0057).

Regarding claim 6, Foote et al. further teach: a schedule making means operative to create a melody and image reproduction schedule for reproduction (sections 0029 and 0030).

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments received 8/22/06 with respect to claims 1-6 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 1-6 are rejected as new prior art reference (U.S. Pub. No. 20040054542 to Foote et al.) has been found to teach the claimed invention recited in these claims. Detailed response is given in section 2 as set forth above in this Office Action.

Contact Information

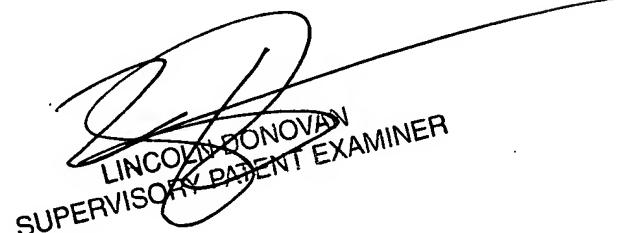
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jianchun Qin whose telephone number is (571) 272-5981. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan can be reached on (571) 272-1988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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